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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a response to the Official Action mailed October 26, 2000.
Please enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS: Amend claim 1 as follows:

a' --1. (Amended) A stable pharmaceutical composition comprising human Interleukin-2 or a variant thereof stabilized with histidine, the variant being a recombinant mutein of human interleukin-2 with asparagine (N) at amino acid position 88 mutated to arginine (R) and designated N88R.

In claims 4, 5 and 6 replace "including" with --comprising--.

Cancel claims 7 and 8.